## BALTIMORE CITY--COMMISSION FOR HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION

CDBG SURVEY YEAR: SURVEY NO.: B-4277
AREA: Middle East MAGI NO.: 0442773604

ADDRESS: 614 North Chester Street

CURRENT NAME:

BLOCK: 1636 LOT: 34 LOT SIZE: 12 ft. x 86.5 ft.

HEIGHT: 2 MATERIALS: Aluminum over brick, Formstone

CONDITION: Good OWNER: Mayor & City Council

ADDRESS:

USE: Residential ACCESSIBLE: Yes, restricted
DESIGNATION: LIBER/FOLIO: Dept. of Law Letter

HISTORIC NAME: August Roth, Printer

DATE: Ca. 1885 ARCHITECT/BUILDER: STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE):

## DESCRIPTION:

This two-story brick storefront rowhouse has been covered in aluminum siding and both its storefront cornice and main cornice are also concealed by aluminum. The projecting display window area has a central opening in the siding for a plate glass window, but this is now boarded. A recessed side entry flanks the display window. The second story has paired one/one windows similar to those at 610 N. Chester. The aluminum cornice enclosure extends across 612, 614, and 616 N. Chester.

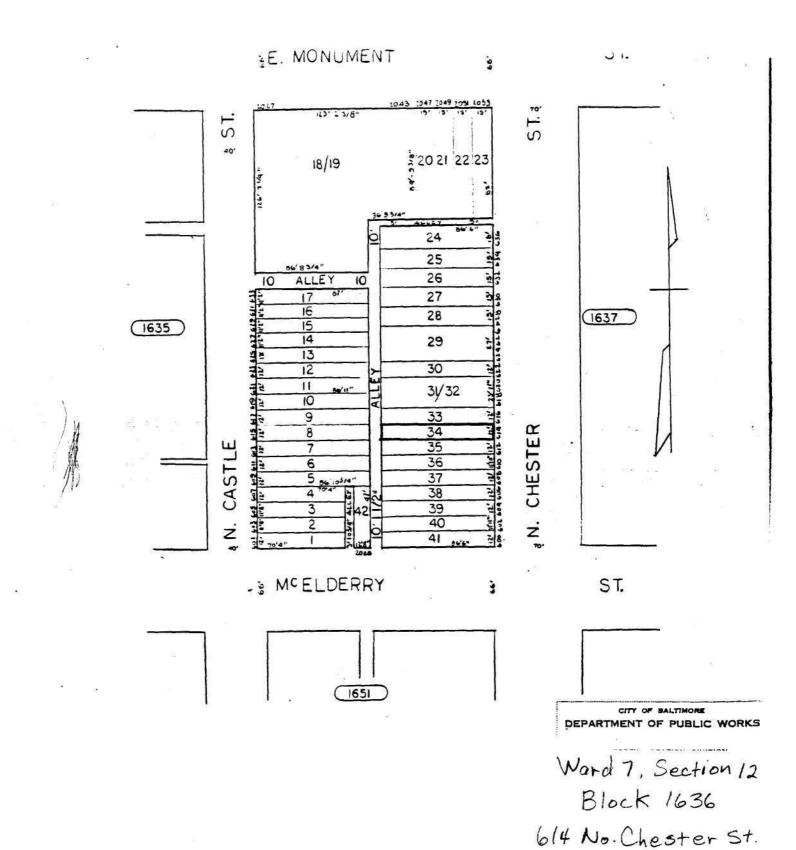
## SIGNIFICANCE:

AREA: Architecture LEVEL: Local

Although encased in aluminum siding, the basic storefront form of 614 N. Chester still remains discernible and restorable. The context of the commercial streetscape of the late 19th century is also intact in the 600 block of N. Chester, with 614 a contributing part of the block character. This was James Cihlar's tailor shop and residence from 1907 to 1917, then August M. Roth's print shop and variety store until the mid-1930's. Roth published a wide range of pet and animal magazines.

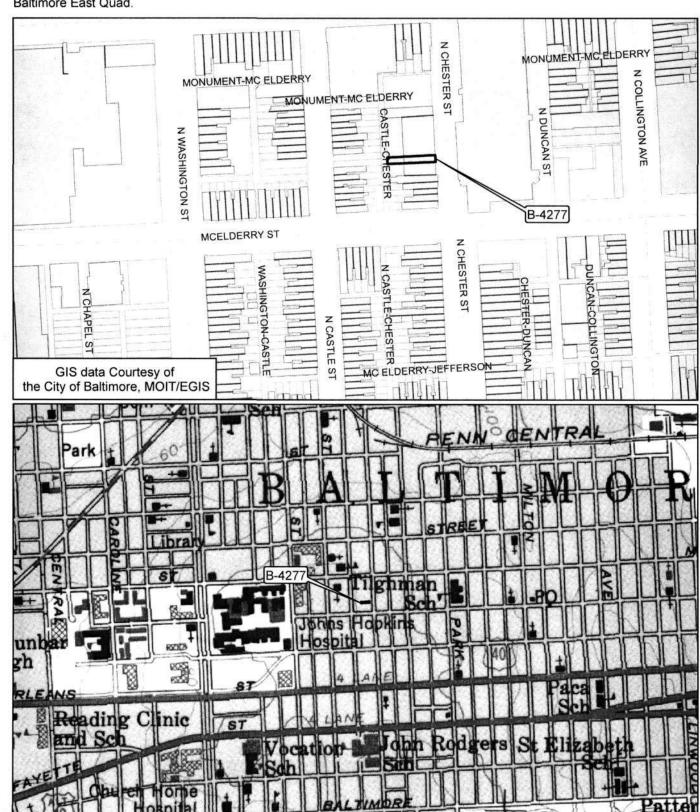
SOURCES: Land records, City directories

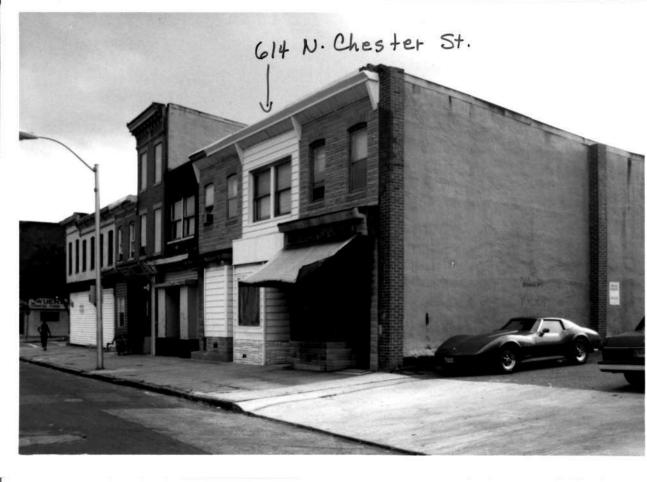
SURVEYOR AND DATE: Janet L. Davis, CHAP, May 1989



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614 N. Chester St. B-4277 Rollimore, Moryland Photographer: Janet Davis August 1988 Neg. loc.: Moryland SHPO East elevation in streetscape context